

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Edward W. Armstrong, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/660,850 ) Group Art Unit: 4176  
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For: AN OPTIMAL METHOD, SYSTEM, AND ) Confirmation No. 7027  
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR RESOLVING )  
DEMAND AND SUPPLY IMBALANCES )  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2008, and in accordance with the provisions under 37 CFR § 1.115 and 1.143, the Applicants submit the following election for further prosecution on the merits:

Election:

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method for resolving demand and supply imbalances comprising generic or non-electrical computing, classified in class 705, subclass 500.